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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Gregory J. Ward and
Valerie S. Monical

Serial No.: 09/964,296

Filed: September 20, 2001

For: PROCESS FOR RECOVERY OF
OLEFINICALLY UNSATURATED NITRILES

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**CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS
ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 and 3.73
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as set forth below, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventor(s).

The Assignee hereby revokes any previous Powers of Attorney and appoints:

Mark F. Wachter, Reg. No. 27,243; John P. Foryt, Reg. No. 32,866; and William D. Bunch, Reg. No. 35,027, each an attorney with SOLUTIA INC., as its attorney so long as they remain with such company,

and

John F. Lynch, Reg. No. 22,504; J. Paul Williamson, Reg. No. 29,600; John D. Norris, Reg. No. 28,246; Craig M. Lundell, Reg. No. 30,284; Patricia A. Kammerer, Reg. No. 29,775; Stephen H. Cagle, Reg. No. 26,445; Melinda L. Patterson, Reg. No. 33,062; Susan K. Knoll, Reg. No. 33,254; Janelle D. Waack, Reg. No. 36,300; Michael E. Lee, Reg. No.

38,949; and Carter J. White, Reg. No. 41,374, each an attorney or patent agent with the law firm of HOWERY SIMON ARNOLD & WHITE, LLP, as its attorney so long as they remain with such law firm,

with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, to receive any Letters Patent, and for one year after issuance of such Letters Patent to file any request for a certificate of correction that may be deemed appropriate.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically, the Assignment to SOLUTIA INC. referenced below, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

Pursuant to MPEP § 324, the undersigned avers that he is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of assignee.

ASSIGNEE: SOLUTIA INC.

Date:

January 2, 2002

By:

Mark F. Wachter

Name: Mark F. Wachter

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Registration No: 27,243

Title: General Intellectual Property Counsel

ASSIGNMENT:

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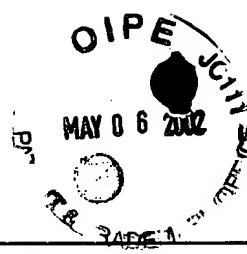
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ASSIGNMENT

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned do hereby:

SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to SOLUTIA INC. (the "Assignee"), a corporation of Delaware, having a place of business at 575 Maryville Center Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63141, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, which has been executed by the undersigned concurrently herewith and is entitled "Process for Recovery of Olefinically Unsaturated Nitriles" such application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of such improvements; all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on such improvements; and specifically including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty and claim priority based on such application in the United States;

AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the issuing authority to issue any and all United States and foreign patents granted on such improvements to the Assignee;

WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned, and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned;

COVENANT, when requested and at the expense of the Assignee, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all such improvements; execute all rightful oaths, declarations, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to the Assignee all facts known to the undersigned relating to such improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which the Assignee shall consider desirable for vesting title to such improvements in the Assignee, and for securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for such improvements;

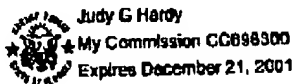
TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the undersigned and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.

Signature: Gregory J. Ward Date: 12-3-01
Name: Gregory J. Ward

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Escambia)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 3rd day of December, 2001, personally appeared Gregory J. Ward, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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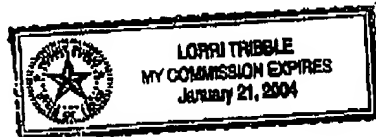
Judy G. Hardy
Notary or Consular Officer

Signature: Valerie S. Monical Date: 12-21-01
Name: Valerie S. Monical

STATE OF TEXAS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HARRIS)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 21st day of Dec, 2001, personally appeared Valerie S. Monical, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same of her own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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Notary or Consular Officer

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